WANDI PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (Inc)



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2013 AT 7.30PM AT WANDI COMMUNITY CENTRE, 302 DE HAER ROAD, WANDI

NOMINATION FORMS COLLECTED

OPENING OF MEETING

Rod Pattinson, President 2012, opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed all residents. The invited guests (A/Snr Sgt Matt Cole and Councillor Wendy Cooper) were also warmly thanked for attending the 26th Annual General Meeting of the Wandi Progress Association.

PRESENT: As per attendance list

APOLOGIES: P Hegarty, L Osborne, R & J Deakin, A & J Le Messurier, S Hobson (Satterleys,) S/S M Newman & S/S G Willers (WA Police) R Cook* and, C Adams*

* R Cook and C Adams were asked not to attend as the WA Police advised that they had been instructed not to speak at meetings where politicians were present during this election campaign period.

INTRODUCTION OF 2012 COMMITTEE

The President introduced the committee and noted that Fred Erdtsieck and Jim Russell were not standing for re-election and they were thanked for their contributions to the WPA over many years.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2012 AGM

Lawrie Carr moved that the minutes of the 2012 AGM be accepted. Seconded by Rod Cocks. Passed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM 2012 AGM Nil

INVITED SPEAKER: Acting Senior Sgt Matt Cole, Mundijong Policing District (Background – Concerns have been raised as Wandi, and suburbs east of the Freeway, now come under the Mundijong Policing District instead of nearby Kwinana. The Neighbourhood Watch system appears to be defunct.)

Main points from Matt Cole's address:

Response times probably quicker from Mundijong due to Kwinana being exceptionally busy.

Increase in permanent staffing at Mundijong from 7 to 14. Kwinana and Peel are getting more staff too.

In 2014 a new purpose built police station in scheduled to open in Mundijong.

On board computers and mobile phone technology mean that police cars are like mobile offices. He noted that whilst the public prefer 24 hour police stations, this means that three officers are not out on the road during the busy night shift.

Police officers are supported by mounted police, the canine division, a helicopter and a fixed wing plane.

Crime figures over the last three months indicated 5 burglaries in Wandi (this figure was disputed by a resident).

Routine patrols occur every couple of days, although residents reported rarely seeing police vehicles in the area.

Honeywood houses are visible from Freeway which may attract more burglars however the current restricted access to the estate may deter them. Thefts have been reported from building sites.

Hoon driving is an issue in most suburbs as is speeding/racing on roads. Five vehicles had been seized from hoons in Mundijong area recently following reports from residents. He noted that 80% of V8 and turbo charged vehicle drivers are given yellow stickers. An average cost of \$2500 to the owner is estimated to bring the vehicle up to the lawful standard.

Police check social media sites as hoons frequently boast of their activities.

People are encouraged to report these activities even if rego not seen. Ring 131 444, Mundijong police station or Crimestoppers. If a driver pleads not guilty then the resident reporting the incident has to attend court as a witness. He advised that retaliation was very rare and often the driver pleaded guilty anyway.

Information can lead to more traffic calming devices being installed and the use of covert cameras on known "hoon" intersections. Hooning seems to be worse after the Motorplex closes and he advised that there are new policing initiatives being taken at the Motorplex in an effort to reduce this

Residents are encouraged to report the rego number and description of suspicious vehicles seen in the area, these details are kept on the computer and may later be linked with other incidents in the area.

Clandestine drug labs are of great concern and residents are asked to report suspicious activities including strong chemical odours and many vehicles visiting premises for short periods. He was aware of issues in The Spectacles area.

Neighbourhood Watch is being replaced by e-Watch. In S-J Shire crime statistics and alerts are available to local residents and successful prosecutions have arisen from information received from the public. He will discuss arrangements whereby statistics for Wandi can be made available to us.

Officers are active in the community particularly in mentoring disaffected youth.

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Rod Pattinson

Rod reported that the WPA was awarded the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award for a Community Group or Event at the City of Kwinana's 2013 Australia Day celebrations.

TREASURER: Ken Workman for Peter Hegarty

The balance sheet for 2012 was circulated at the meeting and Ken Workman read out the report prepared by the Treasurer.

The 2012 financial year began with a total equity of \$72,723.68 and this had increased to \$93,258.34 by the 31 December 2012. The main source of income being hall and facility hire.

Building fund allocation was increased to \$36,282.82 as at 31 December 2012.

Expenses incurred were primarily associated with cleaning and general maintenance, insurance and auditing fees.

Banking has been changed to Westpac with most transactions conducted on-line whilst maintaining the "two to sign" security.

Robyn Carter moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded by Debbie Tentori. Passed.

FACILITIES: Debbie Cocks

Debbie reported that 2012 had been another busy with very few weekends when the facilities are not used. Tennis courts can be hired casually or for the whole year at a cost of \$125.

A new double oven is to be installed in the kitchen and a microwave and two ring hot plate have been donated which will enhance the facilities in the hall.

PROJECTS: Rod Cocks

Rod spoke about the protracted negotiations involving WPA, City of Kwinana, Lotterywest and Sport & Recreation in an endeavour to get the funding necessary for the proposed extension to The Shed.

The WPA has applied to City of Kwinana for a grant to upgrade the kitchen's cooking facilities with the installation of a new cupboard to house the double oven and microwave and the associated electrical work.

The leaky roof of The Shed has been replaced with a double insulated roof at a cost of approximately \$10,000. The funding for this was from the hiring fees collected.

WANDI WARBLER: Jim Russell

Jim reported that 2012 was the first year the Warbler had been circulated by email. He advised he was stepping down from his role as editor after five years but was happy to assist during the handover to a new editor. On behalf of the WPA, the President presented Jim with a Certificate of Appreciation.

LANDCARE: Wayne Tentori for Fred Erdtsieck

Community and corporate (NAB) tree planting around Lake Magenup took place in 2012. Landcare is fortunate to receive assistance from the Department of Conservation and Environment (Julia) and Greenskills (Donna). These organisations often organise free workshops for residents. A volunteer is needed to co-ordinate the Landcare activities, preferably someone who isn't working fulltime.

WEBSITE: Wayne Tentori for Fred Erdtsieck

The information on the website is fairly static. Debbie Tentori has set up our Facebook page which residents are encouraged to "like". A volunteer is needed to coordinate the Website.

ELECTION OF THE 2013 EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE

The secretary had checked the nomination forms and the new committee will be:

President` Rod Pattinson Vice President Les Whiddett

Vice President Vacant

Treasurer Peter Hegarty Secretary Janet Carr

Committee members: Chris Barnes, Debbie Cocks, Rod Cocks,

Wayne Tentori and Ken Workman

(After the close of the meeting two people volunteered to become committee members – Robyn Carter and Debbie Tentori. The appropriate nomination forms have been completed.)

2013 PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE

Whilst Rod Pattinson congratulated the new committee, he noted that we still needed some additional members including a second vice president. The WPA also needs volunteers for Landcare, Warbler and Website.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Fees for 2014

It was agreed to keep the fees as at present - \$10 per family for WPA membership with an additional \$5 for Landcare membership.

Appointment of Auditors

Wayne Tentori moved that Francis A Jones P/L be appointed Auditors for 2013. Seconded by Robyn Carter. Passed.

Clean Up Australia

The WPA has again registered with Clean Up Australia. Residents are invited to help clean up the road verges in Wandi on Sunday March 3 between 9am and 11am. Satterleys have kindly sponsored a coffee van to provide free refreshments to registered volunteers.

Super Tuesday

The Super Tuesday annual bike commute count conducted by volunteers will take place on 5 March between 7am and 9am and provides participating Councils with reliable annual figures of bicycle commuters and their movements on roads and bike paths. Counting of cyclists will occur at the corner of Lyon/Anketell Roads and Anketell Rd/Kwinana Freeway. Data is then forwarded to Councils with recommendations to improve facilities.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9pm and everyone was encouraged to stay for refreshments afterwards.

NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday 19th February 2014